

Colchester School District

Board of Education Meeting
Colchester High School Library

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

The Colchester Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Colchester High School Library Media Center. Board Directors in attendance were Lindsey Cox, Nic Longo, Ben Yousey-Hindes, Laurie Kigonya, and Student Representative Trinity McCarthy. Administrators and employees in attendance were Superintendent Amy Minor, Chief Financial and Operations Manager George Trieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Gwen Carmolli, and Director of Student Support Services Carrie Lutz. There were no audience members.

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Lindsey Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Citizens Participation*

None.

III. Recording of FY'27 Budget Q & A for LCATV

Informational

As part of the FY'27 budget communication plan, the district partnered with LCATV to record a Q&A. Student Board Representative Trinity McCarthy served as moderator and asked board members and district administrators a series of questions related to the proposed FY'27 school budget. The presentation will air on LCATV channels and be available for online viewing at www.lcatv.org.

IV. Approval of General Contractor List Based on Pre-approved Criteria

Action

At the school board meeting on April 15, 2025, the Board approved bid criteria for contractors for planned facilities work at both Porters Point School and Union Memorial School. The district is preparing to accept bids for the UMS project, and there are six interested companies that all meet the pre-approved criteria.

D.E.W. Construction Company
Engelberth Construction, Inc.
PC Construction Company
ReArch Construction
The Whiting-Turner Construction Company
Wright & Morrissey, Inc.

All companies are well-established, have specific school construction experience, and are respected in the community. This action item was not to select a contractor, but simply allows the six interested companies to submit bids for the UMS project.

Director Kigonya moved to approve the list of general contractors identified through the pre-qualification process and allow them to submit bids for the UMS project. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

The board reviewed the following items on the consent agenda.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Board Meeting Date: 2/3/2026 (UPDATED 2/3/2026)

Licensed Employees (Teacher/Administrator)

Contract Type	First Name	Last Name	Category	Position	Hours/Wk	Building	Agenda Information	Person Replacing	Budgeted	Admin Support
Teacher	Brittany	Cresta	New Hire	Special Education Teacher LTS 3/12/26 - End of School Year	1.0 FTE	MBS	Notice of Hire	Kathryn Hughes	Yes	Yes
Teacher	Sherry	Thibault	Retirement	Elementary Teacher	1.0 FTE	UMS	Notice of Retirement	N/A		

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Board Approval Required

Non-Licensed Employees (Support Staff), Informational

Director Longo moved to approve the consent agenda as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes Action

Director Kigonya moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board/Administration Communication, Correspondence, Committee Reports Informational

- The UMS Principal Hiring Committee is preparing to begin first-round interviews of candidates.
- A construction update and photos were shared for the facilities work happening at PPS.

VIII. Future Agenda Items Informational

- 2026-27 School Calendar
- Policy Work
- Facility Renovation Updates
- FY'27 Budget Communication and Engagement
- 2026-27 School Calendar

IX. Adjournment

Director Yousey-Hindes moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Meghan Baule
Recording Secretary

Ben Yousey-Hindes
Board Clerk

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